WARTALK STARTS RIOT IN HARLEM

Negro Fires Upon Fleeing White Man Following an Ar-

gument.

TWO OUTSIDERS ARE SHOT

Police Disperse Crowds, and in Turn
Are Fired Upon from
Windows.

Two persons, a man and a woman, were wounded seriously in a riot in the negro district of Harlem shortly before midnight last night. The riot, according to the police, one of the worst that has occurred in that part of the city in months, followed an altercation between a white man and a negro. The scene of the trouble was 127th Street between Second and Third Avenues, and before order was restored the entire reserve force of the East 128th Street Police Station was called out. The police were still guarding the block where the trouble occurred at 1 o'clock this morn-

It was about 11:30 P. M. when the trouble started. A white man and a negro began an argument about the war. In a few minutes the negro became very much excited and when the white man disputed some statement he had made the negro pulled a pistol from his pocket and told the white man he going to shoot. The white man be going to shoot. The white man be going to shoot at him, all of them wild and two of them striking persons in nowise concerned in the row. George Doles of 231 East 127th Street, who was in the parior of his apartment on the ground floor was shot in the abdomen. Henrietta Taylor who was on the stoop of 228 East 127th Street was also wounded. Both are in the Harlem Hospital in a serious condition.

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The firing of the shots drew a great crowd into the street. Some person sent in a riot call to the 126th Street police station and Capt. James Noble, at the head of fifteen men—all the reserves in the station at the time—hurried to the scene of the riot. Captain Noble found the block between Second and Third Avenues jammed from curb to curb with several thousand excited negroes. With the greatest difficulty the police opened a way and managed to get about half the crowd off the street and into the houses. Some, however, refused to obey willingly and several times threatening situations developed which required all the diplomacy of Captain Noble to straighten out without a resort to weapons.

Captain Noble ordered the police to

search several houses in which persons believed to have been concerned in the riot were said to be hiding. When coming out of one of these houses five shots were fired from a window in the direction of the police, one bullet whizzing by Captain Noble's head. The firing of this volley started the riot all over again. Altogether about thirty shots were fired in the second riot.

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No arrests had been made up to 1

O'clock this morning.

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